

COMMERCIAL TOUR BUSES IN **“YOSEMITE VALLEY”**

2005 PARKING, LOADING AND UNLOADING INFORMATION

There are only **“6”** photo locations in “Yosemite Valley” where you may stop:

- ***Highway #41 and Tunnel View*** (also known as Inspiration Point.)
- ***Bridalveil Falls and El Capitan view*** area, either side of the one-way road.
- ***Half Dome view from Sentinel Bridge*** in marked bus parking space north of the bridge.
- ***Devils Elbow*** on the right side leaving the Valley and prior to El Capitan Meadow.
- ***El Capitan Meadow straight away*** on the left side of the roadway to look for climbers.
- ***Valley view #11*** on the left side just prior to the highways #41 & #120, #140 split.

NOTE: Fern Springs is no longer a stop for buses of any size due to resource re-hab.

PICNICKING: Is not recommended as space is very limited and no reservations are available for the 2 small parking areas that can accommodate a bus in the Valley.

PARKING: All bus parking will be at the “Yosemite Lodge at the Falls”.

BUS LOADING & UNLOADING: Drive to the “Yosemite Lodge at the Falls” and unload in the posted area. Move to the designated bus parking areas and park as directed. Have your passengers assembled and waiting behind the Lodge office in the amphitheater area 15 minutes prior to scheduled pick up time. There are no other unloading or loading locations in Yosemite Valley.

EXCEPTION: There is only one exception to the above rule.

If you are dropping off passengers who are spending the night and/or eating a meal at **Curry Village** or the **Ahwahnee Hotel**, you may do the following. At Curry Village, you may stop in front of the office area, not in a parking lot to unload and reload. At the Ahwahnee you may unload in front of the hotel where practical. After unloading at either location you **MUST** return to the parking area at Yosemite Lodge and park your bus. When it is time to pick up your passengers you may return, do not arrive early, as there is no bus parking areas at either location. You may be sent out of the area until your passengers are assembled and ready to load. Unloading & loading must not take longer than 15 minutes.

IDLING BUSES: Maximum idle time at any location in Yosemite National Park is 5 minutes. The only exception to this idle time rule is for initial start up with a cold engine. It is not for air conditioners, heaters or other passenger comforts.

ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE ENFORCED WITH NO EXCEPTIONS, UNLESS DIRECTED BY A PARK RANGER, FIREFIGHTER, TRAFFIC CONTROL AID OR OTHER YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK OFFICIAL.

The driver and or the tour guide may be cited for violations of these rules. The driver/tour guide have total responsibility for knowing and following these rules and others as defined in the incidental business permit, the California Vehicle Code and the Code of Federal regulations. No requests or direction by a driver/tour guide may over ride these rules and regulations (See Title 36, Code Federal of regulations, Section 2.32.)

ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS STATED ABOVE ARE EFFECTIVE as of 01-01-2005

For other areas of Yosemite National Park see your Incidental Business Permit for restrictions and regulations. If you have questions regarding this information: Contact Ranger Glen Stanley, Traffic Management Supervisor at 209-372-0600. Or leave a message and your call will be returned.